(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This Ministry will take necessary action in due course as per procedure stipulated in Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 on receipt of MCI report on compliance on rectification of deficiencies submitted by the said college.

Bogus SC/ST certificates

2701. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of SC/ST bogus caste certificate cases in various departments of his Ministry as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) in how many cases departmental proceedings have been started against the concerned employees from the above numbers;

(c) in how many cases the matter is pending before various courts; and

(d) what are the action plan by his Ministry to finalise all the above cases and to fill up the vacancies by appropriate candidates belonging to SC and ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Centres of excellence for treatment of AIDS affected children

2702. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched seven state-of-art centres of excellence in the country for treatment of AIDS affected children;

(b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise and location-wise; and

(c) what is the role of such centres to fight against AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Seven Regional Paediatric ART centres are being established at the following sites:

1. Kalavati Saran Children Hospital, New Delhi
2. Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore, Karnataka
3. Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad (AP)
4. Institute of Child Health, Chennai (TN)
5. Sion Hospital, Mumbai (Maharashtra)
6. Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata (WB)
7. Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital, Imphal (Manipur)

(c) The Centres of Excellence will provide technical support for developing the capacity of medical officers and other personnel in paediatric HIV clinical management and early diagnosis of HIV infection in children; management of complicated opportunistic infections in HIV infected children and operational research on related issues.

ART for AIDS patients

2703. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not implementing the universalized first line treatment and second line free treatment of antiretroviral therapy for HIV/AIDS patients and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of funds allotted and released for the first line treatment for the past five years, year-wise;

(c) the details of cost involved in first line and second line treatment per patient per month; and

(d) the details of funds allotted and released by Government (including foreign financial assistance) to NGOs and Government organizations or HIV/AIDS awarenèss progammes for the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Government of India is implementing Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Programme for eligible persons with HIV/AIDS since April, 2004 with first line ARV drugs. Treatment with second line ARV drugs is not part of the programme at present.

(b) The Project started in April, 2004. The funds allocated and utilized for ART Programme since 2004-05 is as under:–

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Funds allotted	Funds released
2004-05	0.20	0.21
2005-06	34.99	25.80
2006-07	67.28	75.44
2007-08	124.30	

(c) The drugs for first line treatment cost Rs.650 per month per patient, while second line treatment cost Rs. 8000 per month per patient.

(d) No funds are provided to NGOs directly by NACO. However, funds provided to NGOs and Government organizations through State AIDS Control Societies and funds released by NACO for HIV/AIDS awareness programmes is enclosed as a Statement (*See* below).